

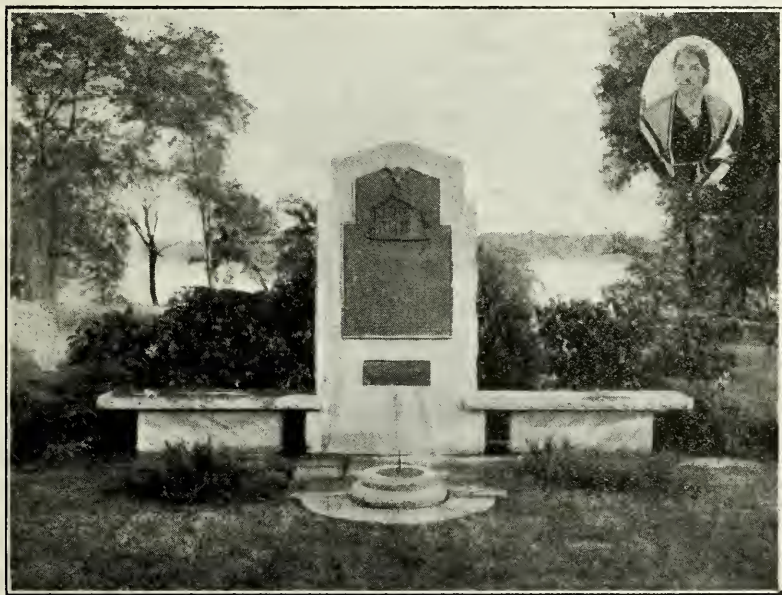
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Latter-day Saint Woman's Relief Society Monument

Emma Hale Smith, the First President (inset)

"This monument marks the site in Nauvoo, Illinois, of the building in the upper room of which the Female Relief Society, now the National Woman's Relief Society, was organized March 17, 1842, by the Prophet Joseph Smith, assisted by John Taylor and Willard Richards. . . .

"The purposes of the Society were to care for the poor, minister to the sick, teach righteousness and strengthen the morals of the community. . . .

"Keeping pace with the development of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, this society has become potent for benevolence, education and progress among women."

RELIGION IN ACTION—THE RELIEF SOCIETY

By HUGH B. BROWN

PRESIDENT OF THE GRANITE STAKE

THE BEST STORY of "Religion in Action" is the story of the Good Samaritan; he did no preaching, he gathered no statistics, did not ask if the unfortunate's sad plight was the result of his own folly; he saw a man who needed help and he took time to serve his neighbour, a stranger. He who needed help was not embarrassed by publicity. The Good Samaritan did not advertise himself.

While other organizations foster activities, teach theology, and train the youth of the Church, the sisters of the Relief Society—modern Good Samaritans—interpret religion in terms of service.

Some estimates of the value of the service rendered by this organization may be made by a study of its activities in any of the stakes or wards of the Church, or of the branches and districts of its missions. For example, one stake has the following yearly average during the past three years:

27,659 visits made; 261 days spent with the sick; 3,853 special visits to the sick and home-bound; 18 bodies prepared for burial; 10,086 articles of clothing renovated, remodeled and given out; 583 families completely outfitted with clothing; 156 children provided with shoes and stockings; £2,700 total disbursements, exclusive of clothing.

Similar activities are being carried out in all parts of the Church. This service is the very essence of Mormonism, combining as it does the qualities of love, loyalty, devotion, faith, hope, justice, mercy and truth. No one can measure the results or extent of these daily acts of helpfulness.

Without publicity and without causing embarrassment, this army of mothers goes out into No Man's Land and feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, buries the dead, and mends the broken hearts of thousands of casualties on life's battlefield.

But more helpful even than the providing of material comforts is the atmosphere in which these sisters work, where the souls of the needy are fed and mended. One who returns after the funeral service of a loved one and finds them in his home, cooking, mending, cleaning, bringing sunshine and hope, will appreciate what is meant by the "Relief Society Atmosphere." They give of themselves and not only of their goods. They carry blessings of which they themselves are unaware, as Henry Ward Beecher said:

"Gifts from the hand are silver and gold, but the heart gives that which neither silver nor gold can buy. To be full of goodness, full of cheerfulness, of helpfulness, hope and understanding, causes one to carry blessings of which one is as unconscious as a lamp is of its own shining. Such a one moves on human life as stars move on dark seas to bewildered mariners."

Surely there is no more central interest in the Church than the winning of human life to the principle of love and brotherhood—reminding men that God is not dead, but living. Seeking ever for more efficient methods; keeping pace with the times and

changing conditions, our sisters shed the radiance of that eternal spirit of love, most ancient yet ever new, which shone in the Master's ministry. They never substitute well-wishing for well-doing; but with aprons on and sleeves rolled up, they meet the need of the occasion. Here religion is a living, compelling fact, and not a mere theory.

With a membership made up of the mothers of the Church no organization could be better fitted for its mission, i. e., to respond to the heart hunger of the shut-ins and the bereaved, to minister to the sick and the broken hearted, to provide for the needy and to train new members in the Divine art of self-sacrificing service.

Here is opportunity for each member to serve in the capacity for which she is best fitted. Here are departments for Welfare, Literature, Art, Household Duties, Theology. Here it is learned that none is so weak as not to bear the relationship of strength to someone weaker still, and that none is so strong as not to bear the relationship of weakness to someone stronger yet.

Much honour is shown to the Priesthood of the Church, and properly so; men hold responsible positions and are praised for their service. But when it comes to efficiency, devotion to a cause, selfless service, true religion, the sisters of the Relief Society have no peers. God bless them.—(*Relief Society Magazine*, March, 1934.)

ARISE AND SHINE!

By PRESIDENT RAMONA W. CANNON

IF we were to spend every conscious moment from birth until death seeking knowledge of the Great Creator, and of this world which He made, and its endlessly interesting inhabitants, we should still be in a surprising state of ignorance. Many doors would yet be closed to our understanding—doors that lead to strange and fascinating secrets, that open upon new vistas of intellectual and spiritual beauty.

If this be true, then let us seize upon every opportunity of our brief earthly existence to increase our knowledge and understanding of life. We have a deeper motive for so doing than any other people in the world. Joseph Smith said, "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection. And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life through his diligence and obedience than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come.

In an environment of lawless frontier conditions and in the teeth of bitter poverty, deprivation and persecution, he enjoined the women of the first Relief Society group to seek culture, refinement, education. How incongruous this seems on the surface! Women of that period received no just treatment regarding property rights—they had no voice in government—colleges and universities refused to open their doors to them. There were not even organizations by means of which women might combine and use their God-given instincts to alleviate human suffering. Henrik Ibsen, master dramatist, is given credit for

being the modern apostle of individualism, especially in women's lives. I think the honour should at least be shared with Joseph Smith, who believed that while women were working as a group to benefit mankind, they should also receive the maximum of individual development as preparation for this life and the life to come.

ADULT education is taking the modern world by storm. Older people no longer sit at home and mope—it isn't being done! Life has become vital, interesting, beautiful for them. Wireless talks, lectures, books are at their disposal.

"Life begins at forty," is the modern slogan. For some it begins much later. So balanced and profound was the musical genius of Beethoven that his great creative ability endured all his length of days in undiminished splendour. After the age of seventy Commodore Vanderbilt added about one hundred millions to his fortune. The German philosopher, Kant, at seventy-four wrote three of his masterpieces. Tintoretto at seventy-four painted the vast "Paradise," a canvas measuring seventy-four by thirty feet. Verdi at the age of eighty-five wrote the famous "Ave Maria." Goethe completed "Faust" at eighty. Cato, the stern old Roman, studied Greek at eighty, and Tenyson, at eighty-three, wrote "Crossing the Bar." At ninety-eight Titian painted his historic picture of the "Battle of Lepanto." Sister Inez C. Russell tells us of a British woman who has learned to typewrite since she turned eighty, and is now occupied with the study of Spanish.

True, most of us at least will not write, or paint, or compose great works of art in our ripe maturity. But we can continue to learn, and by our increased wisdom and understanding, our practical knowledge, our gentleness, our charity and mercy, make everyday life more beautiful for ourselves and all about us. Perhaps we can become more inspirational mothers. The education of three of the greatest and most humane men Rome ever produced, the Gracchi brothers, famous "jewels" of Cornelia, and the emperor Marcus Aurelius—was largely supervised in each case by the mother. In more modern times many great men of different nations have freely attributed their success to the training given them by their mothers.

Even in the difficult environment in which many of our saints are placed during these times of economic uncertainty, much can be accomplished through such self-effort as our Relief Society organization makes possible. One of the most memorable things I have read is a passage from the diary of Patriarch Harrison Sperry who, with other early saints, was sent to the State Penitentiary because of his unyielding religious convictions. Those righteous men were imprisoned along with murderers and low criminals of every description. While these latter were indulging in indescribable execrations in certain quarters, in others were groups of our sober men reading the *Key to Theology*, the Bible, the Book of Mormon, the Doctrine and Covenants, *Plain Facts* by Peurose, and similar works, and discussing different ideas of philosophy and such questions as the different merits of monarchial and republican forms of government. Brother Sperry wrote: "I lay awake most of the time last night, reflecting over our present situation as a people, and our condition

here in prison, and the Spirit of the Lord rested upon me, and I shed tears of joy. My feeling is, O Lord, Thy will be done, and not mine." A sordid enough environment for the flowering of spiritual beauty that was found there!

Sisters, the Relief Society offers you a golden opportunity for self-development and for usefulness. The world is agitated by a sea of false doctrines. Unrest, unemployment, bitterness, war propaganda, and immorality are all doing their destructive bit. The world needs the steadying hand of clear-thinking women who will be militant if necessary in the cause of peace, of clean living, of human justice.

To each member of the Relief Society I would say: You—the greater, finer, more highly developed *you*—are needed in your home and in your community. Your country needs you—the world needs you. Sisters, Arise and Shine!

AN APPRECIATION OF RELIEF SOCIETY

SISTER MAUD HAWKES, NORTH LONDON BRANCH

THE Relief Society is the oldest auxiliary organization in the Church, and it is a great honour to be a member of it. It is an opportunity given to us by our Heavenly Father to progress and to learn to be like Him. Our Heavenly Father has given us the privilege of working for Him and caring for the sick and the poor, through this organization. This is a wonderful work when properly understood, for not only do the Relief Society sisters literally care for the sick and provide for the poor, but they visit members and try to encourage and cheer those who are depressed. They are always alert to see the needs of the people.

The effect of the Relief Society is felt throughout the Church. It has been said that "as the Relief Society is, so is the branch." That brings us to the responsibility we have, for the women of the Church have a tremendous influence, which is felt wherever we go.

Does the community gain from the Relief Society? Yes, because our lessons are teaching us many things, which we, in turn, teach others who do not attend Relief Society meetings. Also, people outside the Church are beginning to realize that we have knowledge that is useful and practical. I myself have been asked several times where I got my information on subjects such as sick nursing, accidents, and the like, subjects included for study in the Relief Society Programme.

What do we, as sisters, gain from the Relief Society? Far more than we give, for our intelligence is increased, we learn to be unselfish, to make sacrifices of time and money, to be tactful, to have courage and endurance, to be better wives and mothers, to be more efficient homemakers. And our love for our children should increase. We should understand what womanhood stands for and the meaning of equality, and we should always be loving and kind. We get joy from our work which is unknown to most people of the world.

JUBILEE AND ANNIVERSARY IN DERBY

Twenty-five Years of Relief Society Presidency

IN this, the year of happy national jubilee—the twenty-fifth year of the progressive and eventful reign of their Majesties, the King and Queen of England—has occurred a jubilee that Relief Society sisters in Derby have celebrated as all their own.



SISTER ELIZABETH BRADLEY

Twenty-five years ago, on the 28th of February last, their society was organized, and commenced its work of love and mercy among the people of Derby.

But that was not all. The occasion marked still another jubilee. Sister Elizabeth Bradley, set apart as president of the Derby Relief Society on that day in 1910 when it was organized, is still its president. February 28th was a silver jubilee date for her as well—twenty-five years as a Relief Society president. Throughout its entire existence as an organization she has stood at its head.

One would think that this were enough to observe in one celebration—and celebrate the Derby sisters did! But no—for still another reason the last day in February was a festive day in Derby. It was the 78th birthday anniversary of the oldest Relief

Society president in the British mission—who is none other than Sister Elizabeth Bradley herself!

It is indeed a distinction to be the oldest president in the British mission of a branch of the oldest auxiliary organization of the Church. But Sister Bradley holds this distinction with becoming grace. Her fellow workers in Derby have cause for nothing but respect and reverence for her in the able way she discharges the duties that devolve upon her. Her life reveals a splendid example of what a Relief Society president and a Latter-day Saint should be.

Some people are born in the Church, while others hear the Gospel and are converted. Sister Bradley could come just as well under one classification as the other. Her parents were Latter-day Saints, her father having accepted the Gospel when Heber C. Kimball was on a mission in this land. One of her earliest memories is that of going with her father on foot to a neighbouring village to attend a Mormon meeting. However, she was just a slip of a girl at that time, and before she was old enough to be baptized, her father, with part of the family, emigrated to Utah, leaving her and a sister in the care of relatives.

When she was in her twenties, Sister Bradley left the village of her birth, Burton-on-Trent, in Staffordshire, and went to Derby. There she met the man who became her husband. It was while rearing her family that she became aware of the inadequacy of the religious creed of the chapel she and her children attended. Its teachings did not square with those of the Bible, which she believed to be the word of God. What was she to do?

Sincere in her questioning, she was not left long without answer. A Mormon missionary, directed to her by her brother in America—a tract—earnest soul-searching—a witness that this was the truth. She accepted the Gospel, and was baptized, and with her into the Church she brought her husband and her entire family. Brother Bradley and their four sons have since received the Melchizedek Priesthood, and three of the sons have served as branch presidents in the British mission.

If twenty-five years service as a Relief Society president, and the guiding of a whole family into the Church need additional support—and they do not—to convince one of her devotion to this latter-day work of God, the missionary record of this good sister provides just such a finishing touch. During the war, when missionaries from Zion were unable to come into England, and when most of the local brethren were engaged in the patriotic mission of national defense, Sister Bradley accepted a call as a local missionary, and went from door to door, distributing tracts, and bearing the soul-comforting message of the Restoration, so needed in those trying times.

Sister Bradley's life has not been an easy one. She has not been spared the sorrows that are common to us all. Death has taken from her side two of the sons and one of the daughters whom she most zealously reared before the Lord. And throughout her life in the Church, she has faced the persecution and disdain that were the lot of the saints in days gone by. But for all that, she bears a deep and convincing testimony that her life in the Church has been rich with blessings and happiness, and many are the men and women who are better for the influence of her good life on theirs.

Of a surety, in this year of jubilees, one can not help but feel that, in the triple anniversary that February 28th brought to Derby—the birth of a woman, the birth of an organization, and the jubilee of the service of both—the saints of Derby are indeed thrice blessed.—RHODA S. TINSON, AND R. S. B.

BACK TO THE SCRIPTURES

Our Relief Society Project

THE Relief Society has a fine challenging project for this year. It is to familiarize all members and their families, including parents, children, cousins, aunts, and uncles, with the scriptures—Bible, Book of Mormon, and Pearl of Great Price—and in addition, with Talmage's *Articles of Faith*. Already considerable time has been spent in the study of the Doctrine and Covenants.

We recognize that to acquaint ourselves intimately with these

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EDITORIAL

RELIEF SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY GREETING

THE ninety-third birthday anniversary of the Relief Society organization is at hand. For the meetings celebrating this event I send greetings to all the Relief Societies of the European missions. May these meetings be joyful, happy occasions.

To me it is quite significant that our Prophet Joseph Smith had the inspiration to call the Relief Society to life in this season of the year, the springtime in the country where he lived, the season when everything in nature is budding with new life. I would urge all of you to watch quietly and reverently the process in nature in the next few weeks. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow." In doing this we are putting ourselves in touch with the Creator and Ruler of nature.

We tell ourselves often that God works in a mysterious way. It is difficult for us to see and to understand how in our lives or in the lives about us He can be working out His purposes, how indeed there can be any purpose at all in the suffering around and about us. We cannot see how any good can come of it, either for those who are suffering or for those others who see the suffering. Yet in the springtime we can see a little of how the mind of God works. It works for beauty. Out of frost and cold, out of storm and tempest, out of wind and rain He creates a loveliness that fills us with wonder and with awe.

If God can work such wonders in nature, what can He do in human nature? The tragedy is that we will not let Him do His work in us. We want our own will, not His, to prevail. His will for the primrose and the daffodil is His will for us, to prepare us in the dark days of life for a good that is dormant in us. Nature, God's oldest evangelist, can preach a sermon to us, a sermon that speaks of courage, of patience, of hope and of love.

If the lovely things of springtime are just outside your door, go out quietly and look at them. Then ask yourself this question: If God in His mercy and goodness makes life beautiful for man, why do not we try to do the same for one another? Think of all the lives with which we come in contact—what can we do to make them more happy? I think we can all do something to bring cheer and love to others. It is a Godlike thing to do.

I am sure that the Prophet Joseph Smith had in mind not

only the charity which administers to the material needs of the body, but also the love that administers to the hunger of the heart and soul.

During the coming year let us make it our project to spread cheer and love among our fellowmen—our co-workers and our neighbours. Let us be crusaders! The crusaders of old were filled with enthusiasm, they were fired with zeal, they were forgetful of self and were thinking only of the service to others. Let us conquer the unsightly traits of jealousy, dissension and criticism, and cultivate beauty and kindness, letting these adorn our personalities just as the modest ivy beautifies an unsightly wall. Wherever the modest ivy is planted it grows ever upward and outward. Let us reach upward and outward, ever striving toward greater perfection.—EMILY T. MERRILL.

GREETINGS FROM THE MISSION BOARD

IT is our pleasure to offer congratulations to the sisters of the British Relief Societies. Well may we be proud of our organization. In the country of its birth it shattered tradition, helped to overcome age-old prejudice against women, battled through persecution to triumph. From a small beginning it grew to be a strength to the nation, giving invaluable service in national and international calamities. The British Relief Societies are still struggling against many handicaps, but they too, have won a place in national remembrance by their splendid war work. At the present time they are receiving more and more recognition as important factors for good in their communities.

We are confident of a great future for our organization. Perhaps a few Birthday resolutions might help us to reach this goal, for are we not older and wiser than ever before? Therefore let us resolve that:

We will not use our lessons selfishly for our own personal advancement only; we will share our knowledge with others.

We will be missionaries trying to save souls, for we are indeed our brothers' keepers.

We will make our organizations beautiful with genuine sisterly love, with intelligence, and with the spirit of the Lord, so that they will be a powerful magnet drawing worthy souls into participation in their activities.

We will rise above the temptation to be unkindly critical, to indulge in "backbiting" or any other offense that will discourage worthy people from joining our Church or our activities. Being indifferent or idle ourselves is fault enough, but to be responsible for other souls' failure to accept the word of God or to remain in our organizations, is a grievous sin of which we do not wish to be guilty in the eyes of the Lord.

We will arm ourselves with knowledge, which is power, so that we may overcome difficulties.

We will conform to the advice and instructions given us by those in authority.

We feel sure that the Lord will bless our efforts, but we must be diligent in putting forth effort in His cause.

RAMONA W. CANNON, President

INEZ C. RUSSELL, 1st Counsellor

HELEN C. M. POOLE, 2nd Counsellor

British Mission Relief Society Presidency

WHAT WILL INCREASE ATTENDANCE ?

Some Suggestions from the Field

SOME time ago we sent out a questionnaire asking for ideas on ways of increasing attendance at Relief Society meetings. Some very intelligent answers have been returned, some of which we here submit.

From the Sheffield district come these excellent suggestions, sent in by the supervisor, Sister Dorothy M. Bailey : (1) A tract written especially on the Relief Society, to be distributed by Society members in the vicinity of the meeting place, eventually working out into all the city. (2) An invitation by circular from the Branch Relief Society presidency to all delinquent members. (3) An invitation by circular from the Branch Relief Society presidency to non-members of the Church through their children who attend our Primaries and Sunday Schools.

Sister Florence Allsop, supervisor of the Manchester district, organized a competition for her district. Each society is to send in to Manchester at March union meeting one knitted article, cost not to exceed 3s. 6d., and two other garments—one machine-made, the other hand-made—cost not to exceed 2s. 6d. A teacher of knitting and sewing will judge the articles, which will be numbered classes 1, 2 and 3. The goods will be numbered so that the judge will not know who has made them. A small prize will be awarded to the winner in each class. This is increasing the interest, and probably the attendance in the Manchester district.

Another suggestion is to call upon community nurses, librarians, or teachers to give a talk on matters pertaining to health, books, or such problems of education as relations between parents and children, helping the school child at home, or kindred subjects. Careful work should be done in these cases in inviting people to be present, so that the special lecturer may have an interested group to address.

Sister Elsie Shortle and Sister Maggie Mavin from Plymouth, Bristol district, suggest that a group be invited to enjoy a demonstration given by someone in the community who has some special ability, such as making cakes with fancy icings, making tailored buttonholes, or hooked rugs, or something of a similar nature.

It might be a good plan, also, to have at one meeting a fair exchange of cherished and perhaps hitherto secret recipes. Every one is interested in good things to eat.

Will you write us of your success in trying out any or all of these plans? We should like to know at the end of the season just how great an increase has occurred in our Relief Society attendance.—BRITISH MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY PRESIDENCY.

BACK TO THE SCRIPTURES

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works in one year would be a task vast beyond reason. But while the older generation may know how to turn for reference to any book in these sacred writings and inspired commentaries, the younger generation fall far short of any such ability.

Some undergraduate university students were asked recently to account for a list of literary references. One said in answer to a question concerning Samson that he was the strong man who held the world up on his shoulders. That came so much nearer the truth than most of the answers that the teacher thought he had one bright scholar.

The plan for this year is to read and discuss the scriptures in the home so that all members of the family may know the names and order of the books in every volume, and have an intelligent, if only general, idea of their contents.

The plan is to use two months for the books of the Old Testament, one month for the books of the New Testament, one month for the books of the Book of Mormon, one month for the Pearl of Great Price, and two months for Talmage's *Articles of Faith*.

If Relief Society members or others desire some guidance in summarizing briefly and capably the contents of these books, such help is available in an article in the August 1934 Relief Society Magazine. This was prepared by Dr. Russell B. Swenson, a Latter-day Saint with a Ph.D. degree, who has devoted much time to the study of scripture. If there is a wide demand for this article it can be printed and procured from this office for approximately twopence, or possibly without charge. Will supervisors kindly note the demand for these articles.

LET us remember that in olden days men so loved the Bible that they copied it by hand on papyrus or vellum, word by word, in a beautiful script worthy of the sacredness of the text. They painstakingly illuminated intricate designs with rich colouring and gold leaf in an effort to dress the pages in an outward beauty worthy of the priceless truths they contained.

Caedmon was given the gift of song that he might impart to the humble, in a language they could understand, the beautiful scripture stories. Tyndale willingly gave his life as a penalty for his activities in making the Bible accessible to English people in their native tongue. Henry the Eighth, under the influence of Thomas Cromwell, ordered a great Bible to be placed in every church, to be read by his loving subjects "humbly, meekly, reverently and obediently."

The British Museum has recently indicated its idea of the value of the Bible by purchasing the Sinaitic manuscript at a cost of 100,000 pounds.

Our necessity for reading the Bible is as great as when Moses exhorted the children of Israel regarding the word of the Lord, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." (Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7.)—R. W. C.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES

THE Ulster district conference will be held Sunday, March 24th, in the Belfast branch hall, 131a Donegall Street, Belfast. President Joseph J. Cannon will speak. The illustrated lecture on the life of Joseph Smith will be given at the same place on Saturday evening preceding conference.

At the Portsmouth district conference, March 17th, the illustrated lecture on the Prophet's life will be delivered Sunday, at 6 p.m., instead of on Saturday, as was announced in the *Star* last week.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

Clouds—Two ominous clouds hovered above the world's peace-horizon during the past fortnight. Bickering between Italy and Abyssinia over the exact position of the Abyssinian-Italian Somaliland boundary in east Africa, and a dispute over responsibility for clashes between Abyssinian and Italian soldiers in Ualual last December both remained unsettled, with the result that Italian troops reported to total 30,000 embarked at Naples to proceed toward the area of unrest.

In Greece revolutionaries chose the early days of March to launch an armed revolt against the Tsaldaris government that has thrown the whole Balkans into a state of alarm and uncertainty. Leadership in the defection is ascribed to M. Venizelos, a former dictator and leading statesman in Greece for many years, whose insurgent forces were supported by half of the Greek navy. Eastern Macedonia and the Isle of Crete were the scenes of most of the fighting.

In an effort to make good their declaration that the revolt would be crushed at all costs, the government have undertaken strict censorship of the Press, curtailment of communication and transportation facilities, and the mobilization of loyal forces on a national scale. However, the promised rout was not immediately effected, and, in view of the continued unrest, Italy, Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, of differing sympathies and not the best of neighbours, have made military and naval preparations to protect their interests in or near the areas of trouble.

Women—By a majority of three hundred the French Chamber of Deputies adopted a motion to give the voting franchise to the women

of France. However, despite the sizeable majority—a surprise even to the most ardent feminists—it is expected that the Senate will throw out the measure, as it has rejected similar overtures on two previous occasions.

When the Fifth Grand National Assembly, the parliament of Turkey, opened last week, for the first time a president of the Republic addressed his electors: "Ladies and Gentlemen." The occasion was historic. Never before had women sat as members of the Turkish parliament. When these came forward to take the oath, the applause from an audience which was more than three-quarters women, was greater than had ever been heard in the Grand National Assembly.

Men seldom accomplish things alone, no matter in what field their endeavour lies. In his daring stratosphere flight recently, Professor Jean Picard was accompanied by his wife, Jeanette Picard, who acted as his pilot. They reached the height of ten miles above the earth.

Although Colonel Charles Augustus Lindbergh received most of the credit for his transatlantic flight last summer, the meritorious service of his wife, who accompanied him, was not overlooked. Ann Lindbergh was recently awarded the cross of honour of the United States Flag Association for her courage and efficiency as navigator and radio operator on this survey of transatlantic air routes.

"A well-trained, well-informed and intelligent service of midwives working in co-operation with the medical profession is of premier importance in any scheme for the reduction of maternal mortality and morbidity." This view was ex-

pressed by the Joint Council of Midwifery, who, in a report to the Minister of Health, proposed that a salaried Midwives service should be established under the appropriate local authority in all areas not already served by salaried midwives.

Referring to the rise in maternal mortality during the past ten years, the committee state that a solution can only be secured by a comprehensive scheme co-ordinating all the agencies, profession and lay, concerned in rendering motherhood safer.

NORWICH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FOLLOWING the present British mission policy of local administration of districts, Brother Alfred Burrell and Brother John F. Cook were sustained as president and first counsellor in the new district presidency at the spring conference of the Norwich district. The conference was held March 3rd in the Norwich Latter-day Saint chapel. President Joseph F. Merrill, President Joseph J. Cannon, Sister Emily T. Merrill, Sister Ramona W. Cannon, Elders Conway Alan Ashton, G. Homer Durham, and David H. Willmott were the authorities that came from London to address the meetings.

In the evening session of the conference President Joseph F. Merrill stressed the importance of the new step in local leadership. He said, "The people of Norwich will come to a realization that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is here to stay, and that from this day onward it will increase in numbers. The Church in America is accepted as an organization beneficial to its members, and it will become so recognized in Britain." He testified that no church in Norwich possesses the power and authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, because its leaders had been chosen and set apart through the power of God.

President Joseph J. Cannon explained that though Mormonism is thought by some to be a "menace," the fruits of Mormonism are sufficient to demonstrate that such is not the case. He presented testimonials from Scout leaders in America, showing that the Mormon record in Scouting is unequalled by any other group. He explained the position of the temple in Mormon theology, and said that the spirit of Elijah was abroad in the lands of

the earth. He concluded by bearing testimony of this work, of the Gospel, and of the joyous living that awaits those who come into the Church.

Elder G. Homer Durham spoke of the hardships his ancestors endured for the sake of the Gospel, for which he expressed his indebtedness. He bore testimony of the divinity of the Gospel saying that he had raised his voice in testimony in many of the large cities of England.

The Relief Society and Sunday School conference was held in the afternoon session, under the direction of Sister Ramona W. Cannon, president of the British Mission Relief Society, and Conway Alan Ashton, Sunday School superintendent of the British mission. The programme consisted of talks and recitations that portrayed the aims of the auxiliaries and the methods of applying their programmes. Sister Emily T. Merrill, consulting advisor of the women's auxiliaries, pointed out that the advantages of the Church auxiliaries are for everyone, and that members should invite all to partake of them. Officers' and teachers' meetings of the Relief Society and the Sunday School followed at the close of the meeting.

The morning session was devoted to local members' speeches on the subject, "Why I know the Gospel is True." Brothers Leslie Coleby, John F. Cook, Fredrick Tuttle, and Sister Elizabeth Loads delivered the talks. This meeting was followed by a Priesthood convention under the direction of President Joseph J. Cannon.

Musical numbers on the day's programme consisted of a quartette from the Great Yarmouth branch, a choral group composed of the

priesthood of the Lowestoft branch, a vocal trio from Lowestoft, and vocal solos rendered by Sister Mildred E. Jennis, and by Albert Cole.

On the Saturday evening preceding the conference, Elder G. Homer Durham delivered an illustrated lecture entitled, "Joseph Smith—An American Prophet." The lec-

ture was given in the Norwich Latter-day Saint chapel.

The travelling elders of the district in attendance at the conference were, W. Jay Eldredge, Alva L. Thomas, William Mack Harvey, James Gardner, Hyrum N. Geddes, and Joseph H. Black.

ALVA L. THOMAS
District Clerk

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfers—On March 1st, Elder Ralph J. Pomeroy was transferred from the Welsh to the Liverpool district, and Elders Joshua Rallison and John Rowell were transferred from the Liverpool district to the Welsh district.

Appointments—Alfred Burrell was sustained as president and John France Cook as 1st counsellor in the new Norwich district presidency at the district conference meeting on March 3rd. Elder Walter Jay Eldredge was sustained as supervising elder. A second counsellor in the presidency will be selected at a later date.

Doings in the Districts: Birmingham—Packing the Masonic hall in Handsworth to capacity, a gay crowd danced to the music of one of the Midlands' best orchestras at Birmingham district's annual Green and Gold ball, January 26th. Features of the dance programme were a prize waltz, won by Sister Winifred Makin and her partner; an exhibition of the Green and Gold waltz presented by Lorenzo Dunn and Doris Collins, Bernard Phelps and Betha Collins and Ronald Joseph and Dora Green; and several spot dances, the winners of which were given prizes.

Miss Nellie Wardle of Wolverhampton was chosen Queen of the ball by a committee of judges. Her coronation, at which her competitors for this honour acted as attendants, was directed by Sister Catherine L. M. Horner of the mission Y. W. M. I. A. board.

The hall was decorated with large golden shields, bearing the M.I.A. insignia, and festooned with green streamers. The throne for

the Queen, draped in gold and green robes, and adorned with the M.I.A. insignia in golden block letters, stood regally in the center of the hall. Coloured balloons and serpentine added a carnival effect.

Acting as hosts for the evening were a reception committee comprising the branch presidents of the district. Charles Collins of Handsworth was Master of Ceremonies. During the intermission refreshments in keeping with the Word of Wisdom were served. Honours in the ticket-selling competitions that preceded the affair went to John H. Makin, who won the individual prize, and the Handsworth branch, winner of the branch award.

Elder Eargle C. Harmsen was in charge of the arrangements for the affair. Sisters Elizabeth Cornwall and Elise Mace supervised the decorations.

The Birmingham district office has been removed from 78 Willows Crescent, Cannon Hill, Birmingham, to "Lansdowne," Marpool Lane, Kidderminster.

Bristol—The *Star* erred in its report of the proceedings of the Bristol branch conference, held January 27th. Brother Herbert S. Millard, then Bristol branch president, and not Brother Walter Shortle, conducted the meetings.

Leeds—Amidst the applause of one hundred and fifty people, Miss Delia Bedford of Batley was crowned queen of the Leeds district for the next twelve months. The occasion was the district Green and Gold ball held in Westgate hall, Bradford, on March 2nd. Under the direction of Mr. Sidney Dennis, the

M. C., the evening was an entertaining one for all who came.

Since January 7th, when the hall of the Leeds branch was destroyed by fire, there has been a splendid spirit of co-operation amongst the branch and district members. Not only have the saints opened their homes for Sunday and mid-week meetings, but the four other branches in the district have been working hard to raise money, by concerts, socials and dances, to assist the Leeds branch in obtaining and outfitting a new meeting room.

Manchester—"A little child shall lead them," was the theme of the Mansfield branch Primary conference held on February 17th under the direction of Sisters D. Blythe, H. Day and M. Cooke. Seventy came to enjoy the programme presented by the Primary children.

Another Thirty Shillings were added to the Hyde branch building fund through a birthday party held in honour of Sister Phyllis Monks at the branch rooms on Saturday evening, February 16th. These parties are held bi-weekly in honour of the various members of the branch whose birthdays occur during the month. A small fee is charged each person attending, and the money goes toward the building fund. The greater part of £25 have been raised by Hyde branch through this method.

On Sunday evening, February 17th, Primary conference was held in the Hyde branch. On this occasion the children presented a very fine display of talent in the way of a tableau, various recitations and songs. The conference was under the direction of Sister S. Allsop and J. Bishop. President William Gregson and Elder E. H. Startup spoke following the programme given by the children.

At the home of Mr. Fellows, a friend in Leigh, a cottage meeting was held on February 21st. On this occasion five entire strangers heard the message of the restored Gospel. The speakers were Elders K. M. Macfarlane and E. H. Startup. Many questions were asked after the close of the meeting, and a

lengthy discussion followed. Cottage meetings are being held weekly in Brother Hugh Q. Jones' home, and Mr. Fellows' home at Leigh.

A very entertaining and delightful programme and social was held in the Oldham branch on February 16th, sponsored jointly by the Primary and Sunday School organizations. In the early part of the evening tasty refreshments were served, after which the children played games. To climax the evening a variety programme was presented by the primary children, consisting of a one-act play, numerous entertaining recitations and songs, and several short skits. An exceptionally large crowd was in attendance, and many parents of the Primary children who took part on the programme were delighted to see the talent their children possessed.

Newcastle—The widows and old folks of Skelton Green were the guests of the Skelton branch at a concert and supper on February 4th. Councillor J. Morgan, headmaster of the Stanghow Lane School officiated as chairman of the affair, and the Relief Society sisters, under the direction of Sister Evelyn N. Rudd, were in charge of the supper. During the evening, Elder E. J. Milne presented to the Bee-Hive Girls of the branch their Bee-Hive pins, emblematic of service and accomplishment in the programme of their organization.

Reports and pictures of the gathering appeared in the local Press.

The Primary children of the Skelton branch, under the leadership of Sister Kathleen Featherstone, provided the programme for the annual branch Primary conference on February 17th. President F. W. Oates and Sister Nellie Thompson, district Primary supervisor, were present and spoke at the session. Local newspapers carried reports of the proceedings following the conference.

Norwich—Within the last six months the Relief Society of the Lowestoft branch have increased their attendance from six to sixteen. The same spirit of growth prevails in the Yarmouth branch. There

are but three Church members enrolled in the Society, which has an enrolment of twelve non-members, and an average of four visitors in attendance at the meetings.

Nottingham—The travelling elders were the speakers at a cottage meeting held in the home of Mrs. Ivy Hunt, a friend in the Eastwood branch, on February 13th. On February 24th a similar group met at the home of Sister Louise Prior to listen to an exposition of the principles of the Gospel.

A programme, the feature of which was a playlet, "An Eventful Honeymoon," presented by the Bee-Hive girls, provided entertainment for the guests at a Sunday School social sponsored by the Eastwood branch Sunday School on February 23rd. Sister Annie Wild was in charge. Refreshments were served under the direction of Sister Ivy Fletcher.

Ulster—Ingenious lighting effects and clever decorations transformed the Belfast branch hall into a gala ball room for the second annual Gold and Green ball of the Ulster district, February 8th. Music for the affair was furnished by a novelty accordian orchestra, and the programme included songs and step dances and games.

In a contest sponsored by the branch building fund officers, Miss Long of Belfast was selected Queen of the evening. She received her crown from President William A. DeHart amid cheers and acclamation of the merry-makers.

A committee of Sisters Lillian Ditty, Ruby Gillan and Brother Joseph Ditty assisted Elder John Ridge Hicks, who acted as M.C., in making the plans and arrangements for the party.

DEATHS

GLAYSHER—Florence Ivy May Glaysher, a friend who regularly attended the meetings of the Brighton branch, lost her life in a motor accident, Saturday, February 17th. A memorial service in her honour was held at the Brighton branch on Sunday, March 3rd.

GLASS—Charles Glass, 62, of the Glasgow branch, died February 6th in the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, after an illness of eight weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the Glass home on February 8th by Elder Roscoe G. Ward. Elder Eugene Pingree offered the dedicatory prayer at the graveside.

HOLLIS—Brother William Hollis, a member of the Mansfield branch, died February 4th. Funeral services were conducted and the grave dedicated by Elder Dean S. Hickman on February 7th.

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